

*Carmel, NY* – Congressman John Hall (NY-19) participated in the precision metal parts manufacturing at Giuliani Machine Tool, Inc. in Peekskill today as part of his ongoing series of "work-a-day" events throughout the district. Rep. Hall's work-a-day events are designed to give him a better understanding of the challenges faced by the people he represents. The event today also helped emphasize Rep. Hall's actions in Congress to create high-skill, high-wage jobs of the future and promote American competitiveness, innovation and exports.

Specializing in the manufacture of custom aerospace spur and helical gears, splines and gear shafts, Giuliani Machine Tool, Inc. (GMT) has served the aerospace, defense, space, hydraulic and nuclear industries since 1978. Rep. Hall, along with Peekskill Deputy Mayor Donald F. Bennett and Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbie Milone, was given a tour of GMT by company founders Martha and Armando Giuliani, and their son, Marcelo, Vice President of Operations. Then Rep. Hall, dressed in casual work clothes, spent some time operating the various lathes, burnishers and other machine tools at GMT and talking to the employees there about their jobs.

GMT, which currently employs 20 people, is one of the few remaining gear and manufacturing job shops in the greater New York City region. Armando Giuliani noted that the company is regarded in the industry as a "problem solver" that is able to make precision, high-tolerance parts that resolve a variety of manufacturing challenges.

"Small businesses like Giuliani Machine Tool are the backbone of our country's economy, and I'm pleased to be working in Congress to create a national strategy that will ensure the success and continued growth of manufacturers and commercial companies. Together, we'll strengthen partnerships across the spectrum of industry to create new jobs and retrain America's workers for jobs of the future."

Rep. Hall noted that the "Make It in America" legislative initiative from Congress has resulted in a number of bills to increase American manufacturing and advance high-demand and emerging industries. Two bills—the U. S. Manufacturing Enhancement Act, which combines tariff suspensions and cost reductions to help manufacturers compete abroad, and the Protecting American Patents bill, aimed at improving the patent application process and speeding up innovative technologies—now await the President's signature.

Earlier this year, Rep. Hall co-sponsored two bills aimed specifically at helping small businesses and creating new jobs—the Competes Reauthorization bill, which will provide loan guarantees to small and mid-sized manufacturers like GMT, and the Small Business Lending Fund Act, which would create a \$30 billion lending fund to provide capital to small banks that lend to small businesses.

In February, Rep. Hall introduced the Helping Small Businesses Start and Grow Act (H.R. 4637), which included several recommendations, made directly by Hudson Valley business leaders, aimed at incentivizing entrepreneurs to start a business and helping existing businesses to thrive. Rep. Hall's bill also called for an increase in the small business start-up deduction and allowed businesses to recoup the costs of capital purchases more quickly. Similar provisions have recently passed the House, and the capital purchase provision has passed the Senate and been signed into law by President Obama.

"The best way to get America back on its feet economically and help local families is to create new jobs and put people back to work," said Rep. Hall. "We'll continue our work in this direction by raising hometown tax credits for small businesses, boosting incentives in the clean energy sector, strengthening 'buy American' rules for government contractors and demanding that our trade partners around the world honor fair trade principles or lose American business."